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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the outstanding Official Action dated March 25, 2005 and due for response June 25, 2005, Applicant encloses a Request for a one month extension of time making this response due July 25, 2005. The Examiner is hereby authorized to withdraw the fee for a large entity of \$120.00 U.S. funds from Deposit Account 08-3255 in the name of Ivor M. Hughes. If there is any deficiency or surplusage of the fees authorized for withdrawal for the Extension of Time, please obtain any such deficiency or credit the surplusage to Deposit Account 08-3255 and advise Applicants' Agent.